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## **DETAILED ACTION**

1. Applicant's Appeal Brief filed on June 30, 2005 has been reviewed. Claims 6, 10 and 20 have been canceled, and claims 1 and 19 have been amended.

- 2. Applicant's arguments filed on June 30, 2005 have been fully considered, and they are persuasive. Therefore, Examiner respectfully submits that claims 1-5, 7-9, 11-19 and 21 are allowable over the prior art of record.
- 3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thuy Pardo, whose telephone number is 571-272-4082. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

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